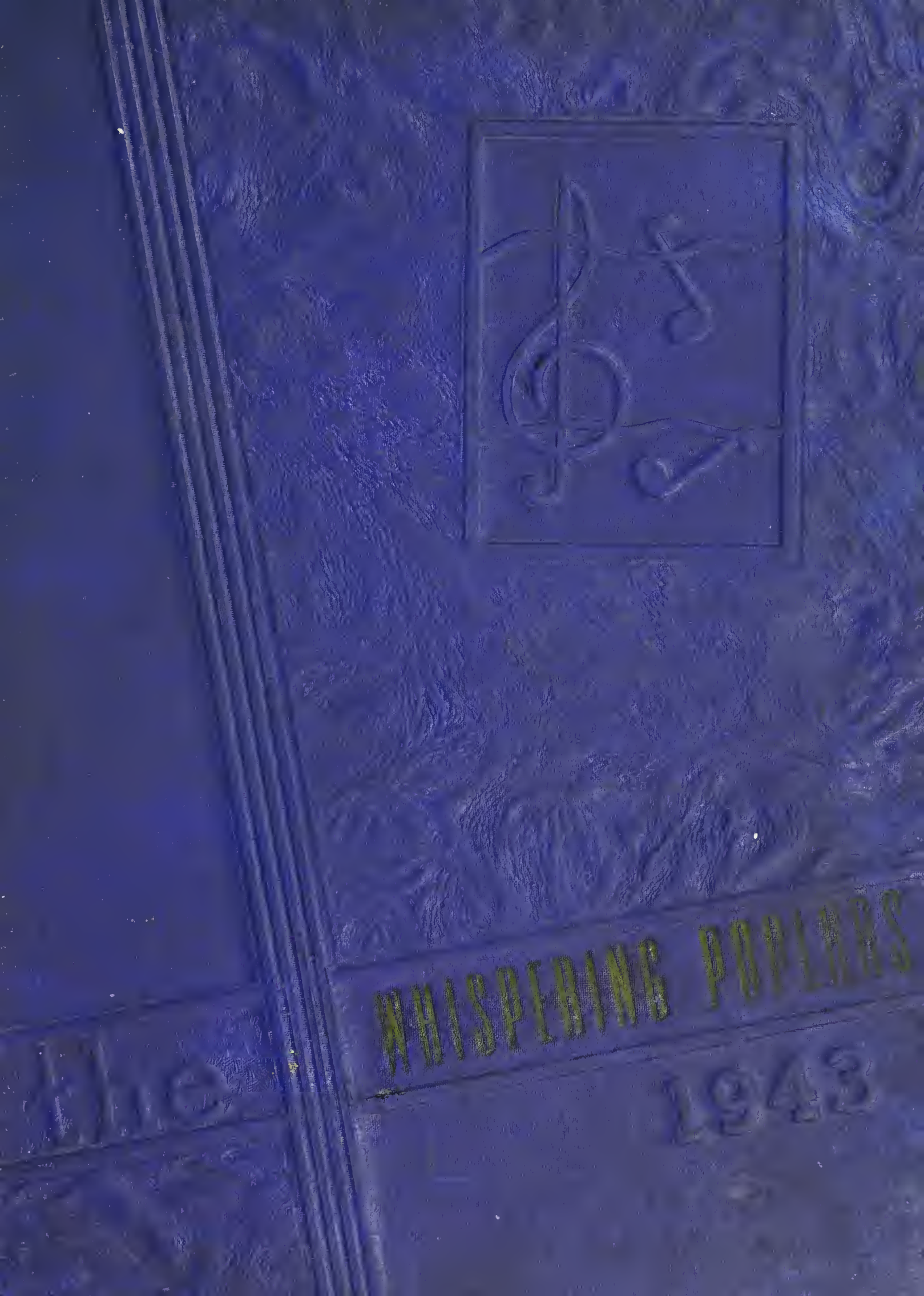
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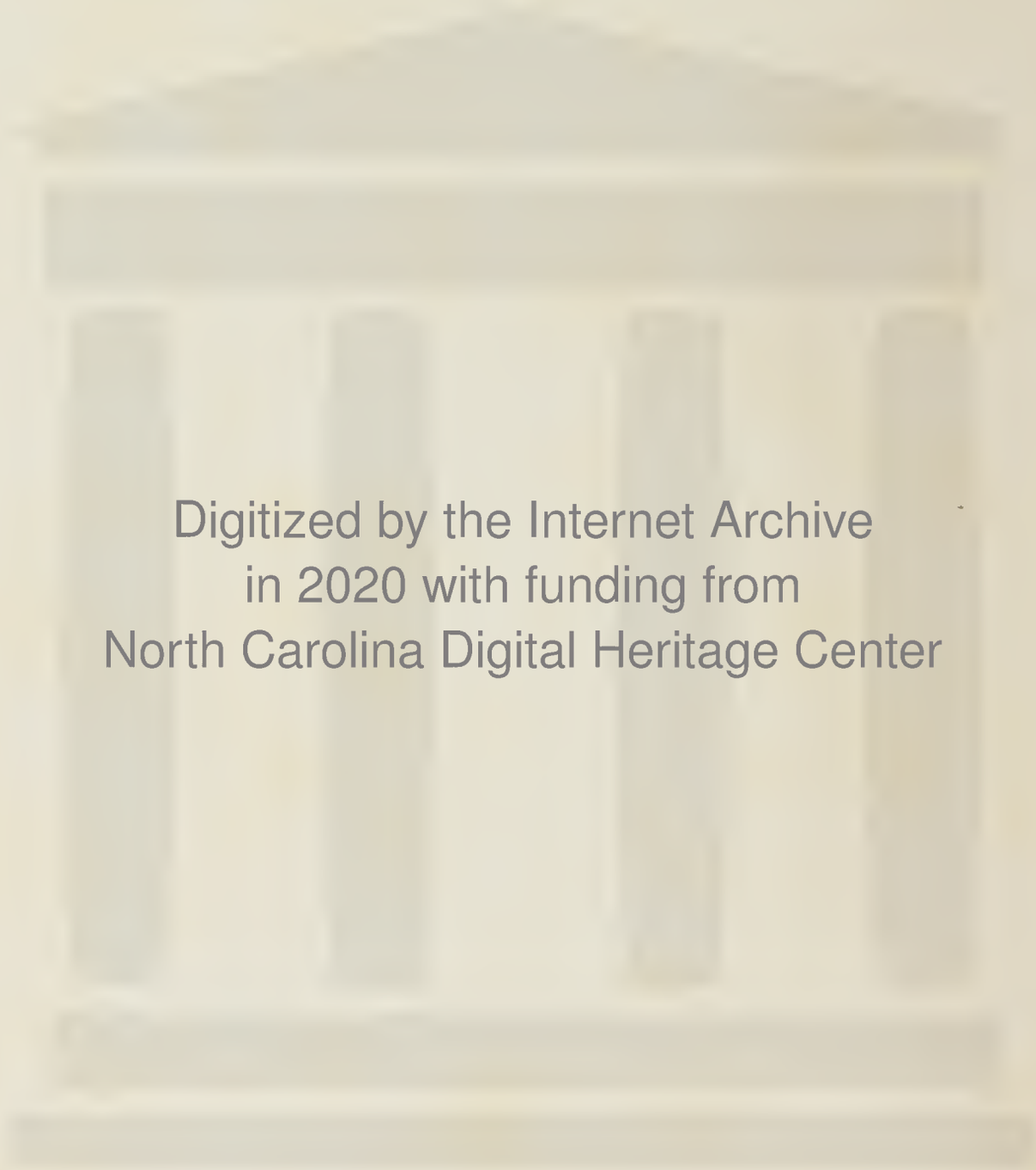
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To Mr. J. A. Ross whose endless devotion and ready smile endeared him to us as a compliant administrator and true friend, we dedicate this annual of 1943.

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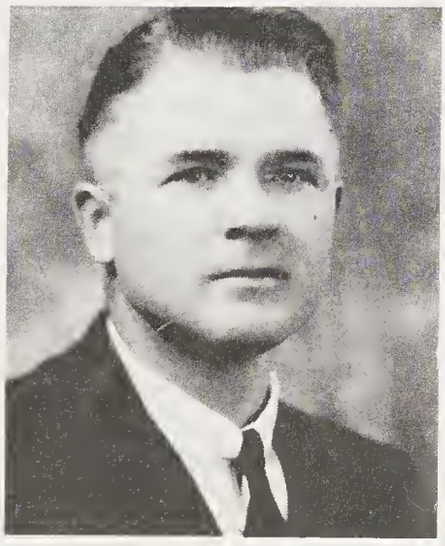

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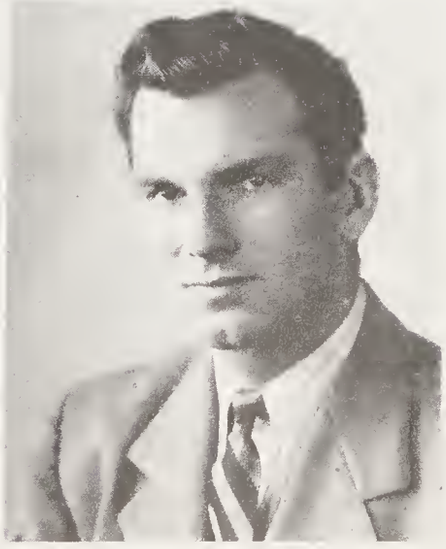

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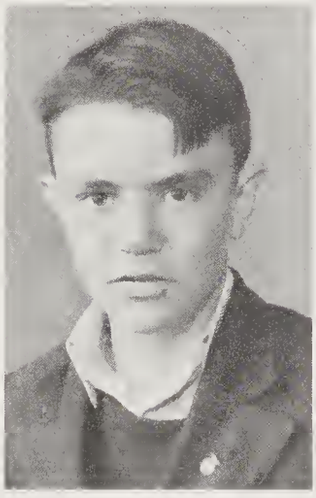

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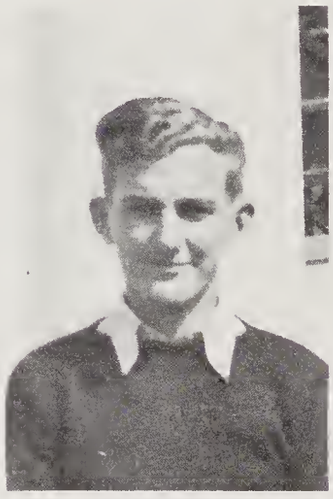

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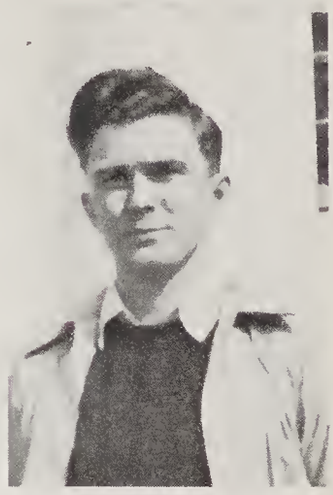

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Asst. Business Mgr.

Seniors

Mildred Aydlett

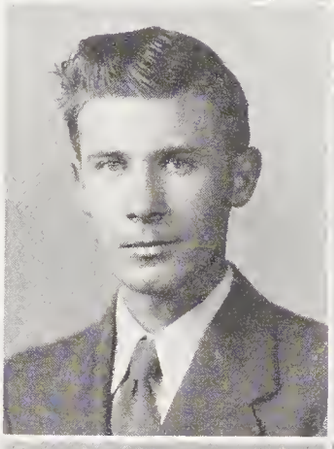
"Silence is more eloquent than words."

Ernest Brickhouse

"Has an even temper and liked by everyone."

Ray Brown

"I don't want to set the world on fire, but I sure do like to spark."



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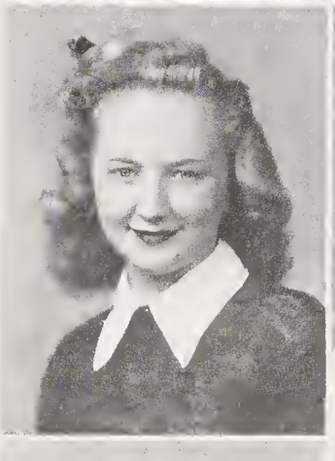
"Very friendly, of cheery disposition, and always willing to do her part."

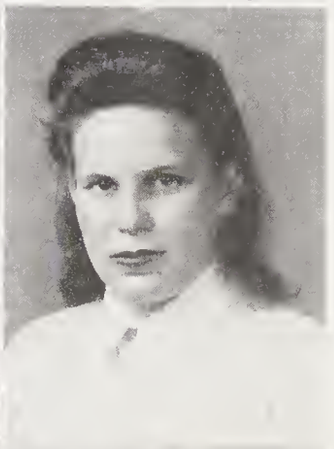
Jean Doxey

"Slim and neat, unusually sweet."
Secretary



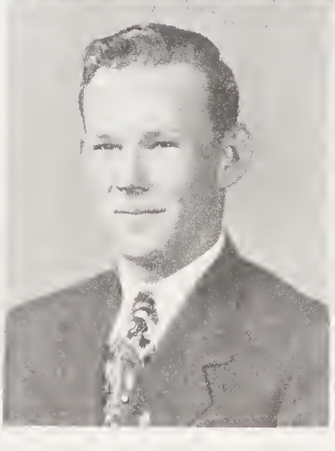
Margaret Foster

"For Nature made her thus and never made another."



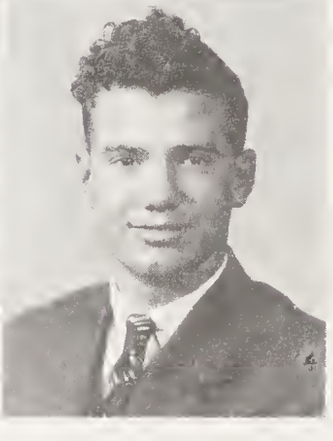
E. C. Gibbs

"He's our A-1 student who finds time to enjoy life as a side line."
Reporter



Eddie Gilden

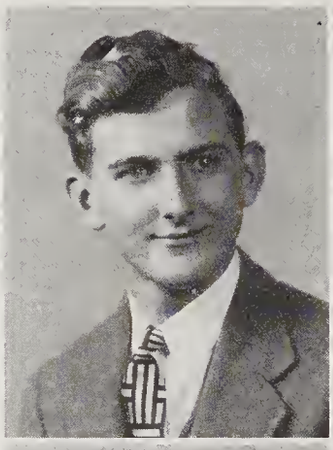
"Trouble runs off him like water from a duck's back."
Treasurer



Seniors

Curtis Gray

"Always courteous and dependable with a yen for the lighter side."

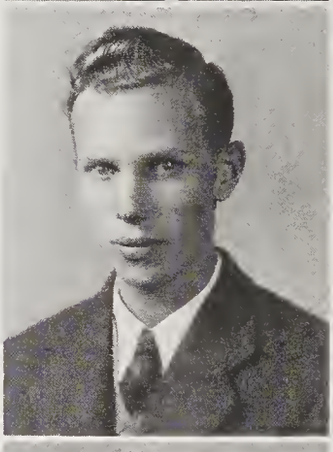


Madge Hayman

"I would rather be a woman adorned with good disposition than much gold."

George Helms

"Better late than never."



Julia Hubbard

"Takes her lessons in her stride, has a sailor on the side."

Mildred Lewark

"What suits you suits me."

Rose McCloud

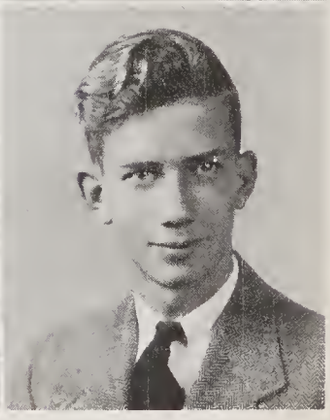
"She smiles at many and loves but one."

George O'neal

"Wise, when not otherwise."
(Mostly otherwise)

Carlton Overton

"When I am grown to man's estate, I shall be very proud and great."



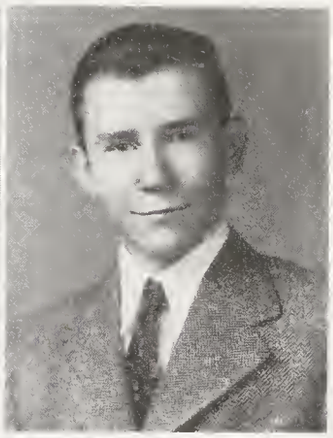
Seniors

Tillie Owens

"Prim, always thinking of him."

William Owens

"He's quiet and he's shy, but there's mischief in his eye."

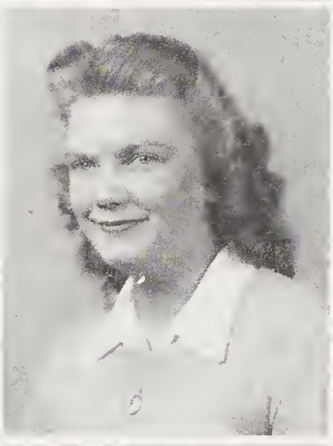


Pattie Robertson

"Blue eyes have been the downfall of more than one man."

Hazel Saunders

"Lucky in love."
Vice-President

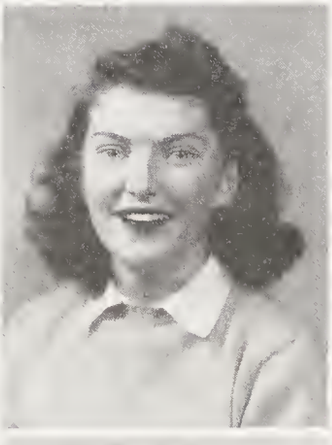


Norma Sawyer

"Born talking and never lost her birthright."
President

Claude Sawyer

"A talker, not a thinker."

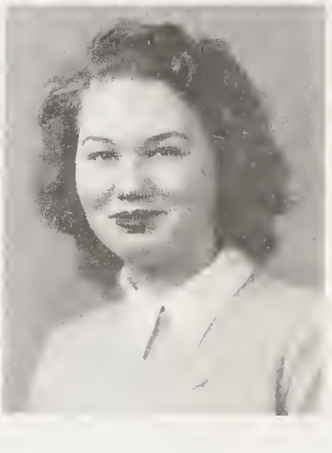


Alice Sumrell

"To argue is the delight of my life."

Margaret Waterfield

"Her cheerfulness is an excellent wearing quality."



Senior Class History

Under the direction of Miss Goldie Harrell, our home room teacher, we enrolled forty-two in number as Freshmen in 1939. We began that year as green little poplars. We won the popularity contest and crowned Pattie Robertson as our queen. Our class officers were George Helms, president; Hazel Saunders, vice-president; George O'neal, secretary; and Eddie Gilden, treasurer.

Our branches began to grow as we passed into our Sophomore year with thirty-three in number. This year we won the prize for stunt night. Miss Mabel Worley was our home room teacher. Our gradeparents gave us a party at Coinjock, which was enjoyed by all. Our class officers were George O'neal, president; Izola Knight, vice-president; Rose McCloud, secretary; and Claude Sawyer, treasurer.

As we grew onward we reached the Jolly Junior period. We were undoubtedly one of the jolliest groups ever known. Miss Rowena Hicks, loved by all, guided us as our home room teacher. During this year we successfully gave a play "The Galloping Princess." We also entertained the Seniors at the usual Junior and Senior Prom. Our number had fallen to twenty-seven. Our class officers for this year were Norma Sawyer, president; Jean Doxey, vice-president; Rose McCloud, secretary; and Eddie Gilden, treasurer.

Now we have reached our goal from green sprouts. We have come to the turning point in our lives. Despite the war situation we have had many things for our pleasure and good. For these we are very thankful. Miss Edna Mitchell, our home room teacher, has been very nice to us. Our class has fallen to twenty-four. This year, as well as our Freshman year, we won the popularity contest and once again Pattie Robertson was crowned queen. Our class officers were Norma Sawyer, president; Hazel Saunders, vice-president; Jean Doxey, secretary; Eddie Gilden, treasurer; and E.C. Gibbs, reporter. Our gradeparents for this year were Mrs. Katie Overton, Mrs. E.C. Gibbs, and Mrs. Dewey O'neal. They have been very generous and kind to us.

The wind blows our leaves from the long loved Poplar Branch as we scatter to all parts of the world. We bid adieu to all.

Grade Mothers

Mrs. E.C. Gibbs

Mrs. G.D. O'neal

Mrs. J. H. Overton

Mascots

Myrtle Kay Gilden

Wilbert Whitson

Juniors

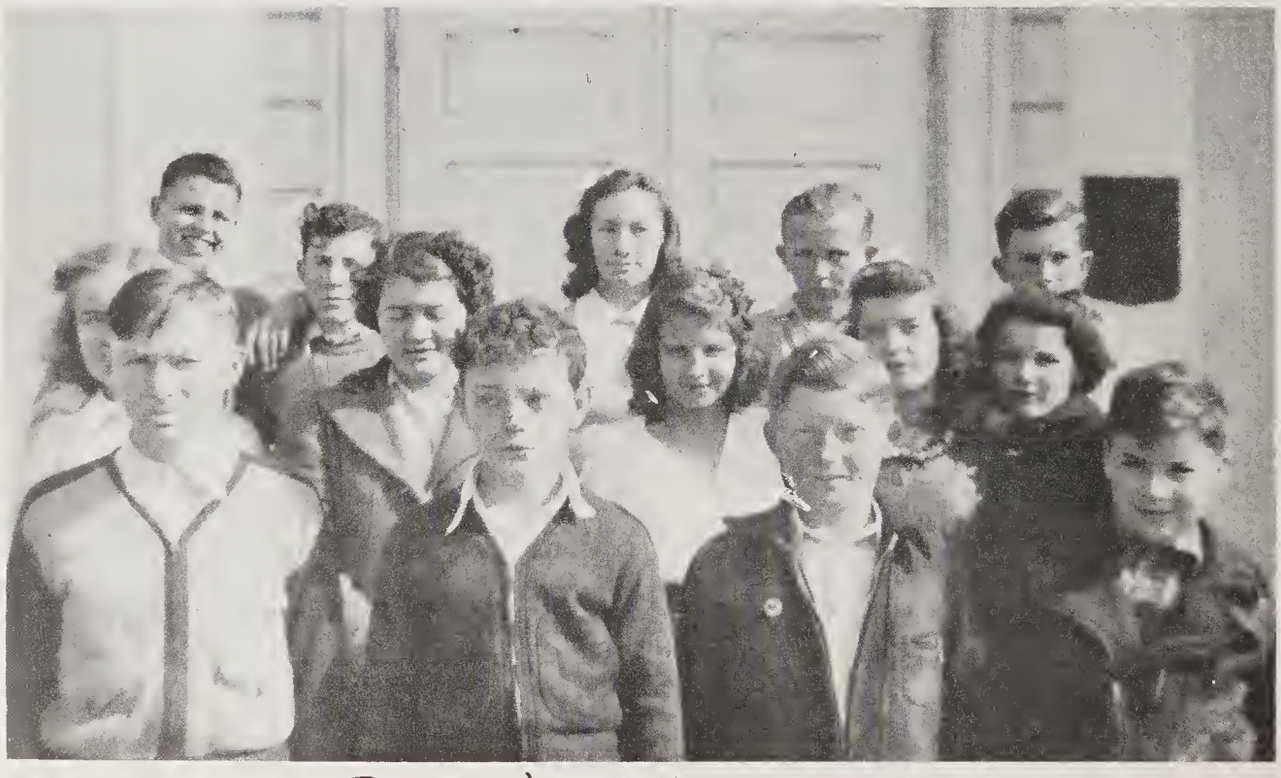
President - Charlie Jones
Vice-President - Ruth Krank
Secretary - Mildred Griggs
Treasurer - Jacquelyn Forbes

First Row: Jack Gray, Russell Sawyer, Henry Donski
Second Row: Jacquelyn Forbes, Mildred Griggs, Edna Hampton, Alma Hayman, Ruth Bright
Third Row: Mary Newbern, Gloria Walker, Maxine Newbern Mollie Mae Forbes, Naomi Springle, Annie Monteque, Raymond Caroon
Fourth Row: Helen Wright, Ruth Krank, Claude O'neal, Charlie Jones, Billie Jackson
Fifth Row: Ernest Snow, Jack Helms

Sophomores

President- Affie Twiford
Vice-President- Jeanette Crain
Secretary- Loreen Dunton
Treasurer- Geraldine Palmer

Freshmen



President - Mildred Twiford
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Secretary - Mary Leary
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Vocational Building

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Director- Mabel Worley Wright

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Director- J. S. Moore

Band

Director- Minnie Nash

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Basketball Boys

Director – T. M. Dennis
Captain – Eddie Gilden

Senior Play Cast

Director – Edna Mitchell

Superlatives

Miss Griggs High – Pattie Robertson

Best Looking

Julia Hubbard
Claude Sawyer

Best all around

Norma Sawyer
Eddie Gilden

Biggest Flirts

Alice Sumrell
George Helms

Most Likely to Succeed

Margaret Waterfields
George O'neal

Superlatives

Most Intellectual

Norma Sawyer
George O'Neal

Given Most Service

Pattie Robertson
E.C. Gibbs

Biggest Pests

Alice Sumrell
Eddie Gilden

Biggest Babies

Margaret Foster
Carlton Overton

Most Bashful

Tillie Owens
William Owens

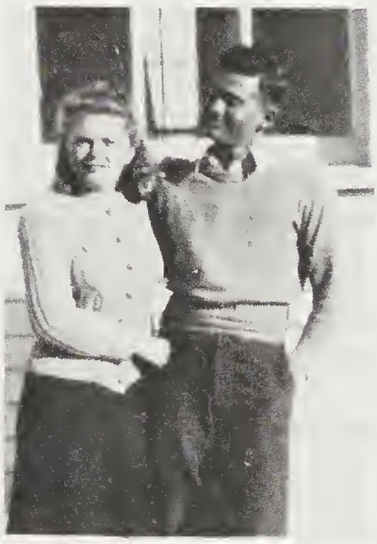
Cutest

Jean Doxey
Ray Brown

Superlatives

Most Popular

Pattie Robertson
Eddie Gilden



Wittiest

Madge Hayman
William Owens

Most Dignified

Mildred Aydlett
Ernest Brickhouse

Best Dressed

Jean Doxey
Curtis Gray

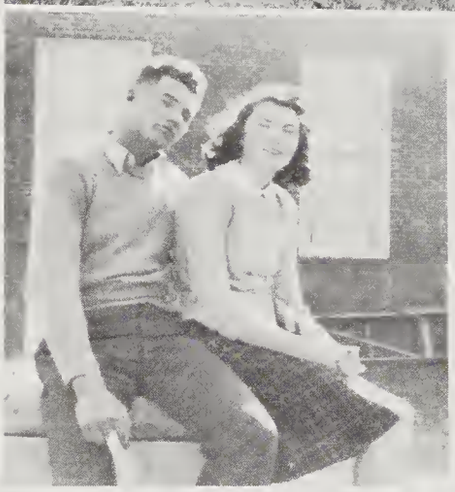
Most Talented

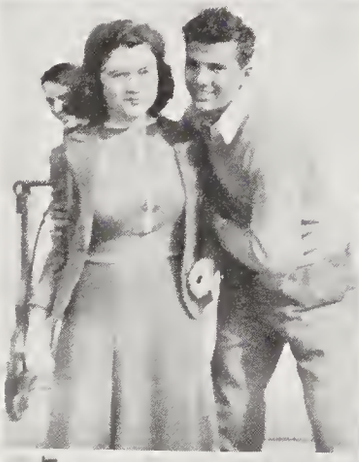
Zorada Curles
E.C. Gibbs

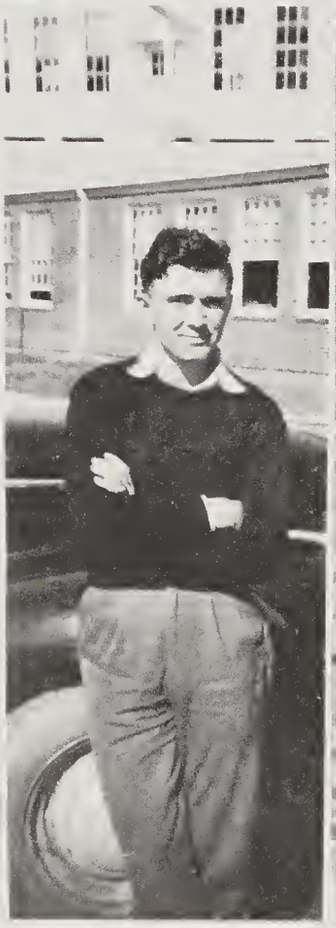
Most Athletic

Mildred Lewark
Eddie Gilden

AROUND THE CAMPUS







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